GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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BLOOD BANKS RED CROSS SOCIETY
A. VENKATESH NAIK

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated units of blood being collected annually by the blood banks and Red Cross Society from the donors;

(b) the actual units of blood out of total collection is being used annually;

(c) whether the Government are aware that generally the blood banks and Red Cross Society refuse to supply the blood to the common and poor people; and

(d) if so, the action propose to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) During 2001, 29,97,459 units of blood are reported to have been collected by the blood banks including Red Cross Society. The same number of units of blood collected is used except a very small fraction of blood discarded due to reactivity to mandatory tests.

(c) & (d) No needy patient is refused blood subject to availability. Poor patients are issued with blood free of service charges by most of the government blood banks.